

WAIVERS OF STATE PLAN PROVISIONS

State: WASHINGTON

Type of Waiver

- ☐ 1115
☐ 1915(b)(1) - Case Management System
☐ 1915(b)(2) - Locality as a Central Broker
☐ 1915(b)(3) - Sharing of Cost Savings (through:) Additional Services
Elimination of Copayments
☒ 1915(b)(4) - Restriction of Freedom of Choice
1915(c) ☐ Home and Community-Based Services Waiver (non-model format)
☐ Home and Community-Based Services Waiver (model format)
☐ 1916(a)(3) and/or (b)(3) - Nominality of Copayments

Title of Waiver and Brief Description:

Washington State Hospital Selective Contract Waiver

As required by Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 388-550-4600 and 4700, the department designates selective contracting areas (SCA) in which hospitals participate in competitive bidding to provide hospital services to medical care clients. Selective contracting areas are based on historical patterns of hospital use by Medicaid clients.

The department requires medical care clients in a selective contracting area obtain their elective (nonemergent) inpatient hospital services from participating or exempt hospitals in the SCA. Elective (nonemergent) inpatient hospital services provided by nonparticipating hospitals in an SCA are not reimbursed by the department, except when an excessive travel burden exists for the client or when the hospital has been exempted from these requirements as provided in WAC [388-550-4700](#).

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Specific State Plan Provisions Waived and Corresponding Plan Section(s):

Specific State Plan provisions for paying inpatient hospital DRG services that are not covered by Washington's Hospital Selective Contract waiver are described in the following section of Washington's State Plan:

ATTACHMENT 4.19-A , Part I, METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES FOR INPATIENT HOSPITAL SERVICES
Section D, DRG COST-BASED RATE METHOD.

Specific provisions waived are Statewideness and Freedom of Choice. In the six geographical areas covered by this waiver Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 388-550-4500 and 4600 require clients to obtain their services from hospitals participating in Washington's hospital selective contract program, unless doing so presents an excessive travel burden for the client or the hospital is exempt according to the requirements of WAC 388-550-4600.

Comparability:

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X Statewideness:

X Freedom of Choice:

Services:

Eligibility:

Reimbursement Provisions (if different from approved State Plan Methodology):

Washington hospitals in six geographical areas of the State designated as selective contract areas (SCAs) receive a lower diagnostic related group (DRG) payment rate under the waiver than they would under general State Plan provisions.

Signature of State Medicaid Director